



San Mateo County Fire Chiefs Association

San Mateo County Fire Prevention Officers Section

Meeting Minutes

President:	Jim Palisi, Belmont-San Carlos Fire
Vice Pres. /Treasurer:	Denise Enea, Woodside Fire
Secretary:	Julie Parenti, Central County Fire
Liaison Chief:	Jim Skinner, Redwood City Fire

March 18, 2009

Station 19, Woodside Fire Protection District

Attendance: See attached sign-in sheet on last page.

Call to order/Introductions/Pledge of Allegiance: President Palisi called the meeting to order at 13:40 hours.

Treasurers Report: Savings: \$578.49
Checking: \$813.37
Dues: \$1399.76

Approval of minutes: The January/February 2008 meeting minutes were approved without correction and with a unanimous vote.

Special presentation: Retired Chief Bob O'Donnell from Daly City Fire spoke to our membership regarding Angelina's memorial golf tournament in August. The information/solicitation letter has been circulating and we are being asked to help get the word out and provide any assistance possible. FPO's cannot donate money directly from our organization as they are public funds, however everyone is encouraged to bring any amount you are comfortable with to our next meeting to help sponsor a hole or just provide donations.

President's Report/Changes & additions to agenda:

President Palisi received a letter from Ruben Grijalva, Cal Fire regarding SB 1595 (Kehoe). This letter addresses the issues jurisdictions are experiencing with insurance carriers contacting fire departments for defensible space inspections. The direction has been given that if an insurance carrier requires a homeowner in an LRA to have a

specific amount of defensible space created, that homeowner can contact their local AHJ to be a "designated fire expert" and evaluate the property.

ICC Chapter status – John Mapes mailed all documents last week. Thanks to John for preparing our application and managing the process!

Denise Enea proposed to bring in Eric Price for a 1/2 day class on sprinkler system plan review and/or installation practices. Potential date would be May 20th.

Recap of February joint BO/FPO meeting: Great turnout! Discussion on Chapter 7A requirements, Photovoltaic systems, and green building practices. Refer to meeting minutes on website.

Guest speaker: Patti Joki, Santa Clara County FPO President

1. They are rewriting their county standard for toxic gas ordinance.
2. Moving towards UNI Docs
3. They have requested a clarification from the ICC and SFM on applicable requirements for Dry Cleaners, (Sprinklers vs. Non-Sprinkler) on equipment exchange out
4. They have developed a county standard on emergency vehicle access.
5. Report back to their county chief's on PV systems.
6. Proposed standards for the new N-Gas vehicles for home fueling.
7. Their current FPO sub-committees are; Hazmat, Fire Investigation, and Pub Education
8. Their county has two outstanding Juv. Firesetter programs; Santa Clara County Fire Department is the lead.
9. The Santa Clara County FPO's have been running into two current trends:
 - a. US Bank locking out the vestibules.
 - b. Fire Sprinkler contractors installing 13R systems with CPVC, not de-burring the piping before joining.

Chief's Report

Chief Jim Skinner not in attendance – no report.

Ops Report

No report this month

Training Report

High-rise drill coming up

Roundtable

Clyde Preston/NCFAs: Shared with the group beading on internal electrical wiring from a portable space heater

Denise Enea/Woodside: Woodside has an opening for a part-time chipper program assistant.

**Next meeting:
Wednesday, May 20th
1330 hrs.
Station 19**

MARCH ATTENDANCE ROSTER

AGENCY	NAME	PURPOSE
Belmont-San Carlos Fire	Jim Palisi	FPO President
Woodside Fire	Denise Enea	FPO Vice President/Treasurer
Central County Fire	Julie Parenti	FPO Secretary
Belmont-San Carlos Fire	Chief Jim Skinner	Liaison to County Chiefs
Foster City	John Mapes	Operations Representative
Millbrae Fire	Dave Downing	Training Representative
Belmont-San Carlos Fire	Jim Palisi	
Cal-Fire	Not present	
Central County Fire	Julie Parenti	
Coastside Fire	Not present	
Colma Fire	Not present	
Foster City Fire	John Mapes	
Menlo Park Fire	Ron Keefer Jon Johnston	
Millbrae Fire	Dave Downing	
North County Fire	Clyde Preston	
Redwood City Fire	Uli Peretz	
San Bruno Fire	Not present	
San Mateo Fire	Mike Leong	
South San Francisco Fire	Not present	
Woodside Fire	Denise Enea Selena Brown	
Milpitas Fire	Patricia Joki	Special guest-Santa Clara County FPO